

**In the Iowa Supreme Court**

CLERK SUPREME COURT

**In the Matter of Adoption of )  
Amendments to Division III, )  
Professional Regulation, of the )  
Iowa Court Rules )**

**Order**

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The Iowa Supreme Court adopts amendments to the chapters governing professional regulation in Division III of the Iowa Court Rules. The amendments are effective December 15, 2018. The amendments are based on recommendations from the Iowa Supreme Court Office of Professional Regulation and the Iowa Board of Law Examiners and follow a 60-day period of public comment.

This court order makes amendments to the following rules as provided with this order:

- Rule 31.4 Admission by transferred UBE score.
- Rule 31.11 Automatic review.
- Rule 31.12 Admission of attorneys from other jurisdictions; requirements and fees.
- Rule 31.13 Proofs of qualifications; oath or affirmation.
- Rule 31.14 Admission pro hac vice before Iowa courts and administrative agencies.
- Rule 34.17 Disability suspension.
- Rule 34.18 Death, suspension, or disbarment of practicing attorney.
- Rule 39.7 Exemption; retirement.
- Rule 39.8 Enforcement.
- Rule 39.14 Reinstatement from exemption or suspension.
- Rule 39.18 Requirement for death or disability designation and authorization.
- Rule 41.10 Reinstatement from suspension.
- Rule 41.13 Retired practitioners.
- Rule 47.4 Classification of oral language court interpreters.
- Rule 47.6 Iowa roster of court interpreters.

Amendments to rules 31.4, 31.12, and 31.13 were not included in the proposed amendments submitted for public comment. These amendments clarify what constitutes being “regularly engaged in the practice of law” for attorneys seeking admission by transferred UBE score or by motion without examination in Iowa.

The amendment to rule 31.11 removes the automatic review process for the written components of the Iowa Bar Examination. The appeal procedure contained in rule 31.11(3), related to supreme court review, is retained.

The amendments to rules in chapter 34 specify that a judicial district chief judge can consider recommendations from the office of professional regulation in appointing trustees in the event of an attorney’s death, suspension, or disbarment. The amendments also clarify that appointed attorneys serve as members of the Client Security Commission.

The amendments to rules in chapters 39 and 41 include changing “certificate of retirement” to “certificate of relinquishment” for attorneys who intend never again to practice law in Iowa.

The amendments to court interpreter and translator rules in chapter 47 anticipate an effective date of January 1, 2019, for requirements that Class B oral language court interpreters must meet by July 1, 2019. The amendments include changes to requirements pertaining to the Iowa roster of court interpreters, the oral language proficiency exam, and retaking written and oral language proficiency exams.

The amendments provided with this order are effective December 15, 2018.

Dated this 16th day of November 2018.

**The Supreme Court of Iowa**

By Mark S. Cady  
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